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Enhancing Education Through Technology (EETT) 06 – 07 Funding Information

The Arizona Department of Education will receive a 56% reduction in 2006-2007 Title IID funding. This document will describe how the 06 -07 EETT funding will be distributed. Please note that there will not be an open competition for the 06 – 07 funding.

General Information

Authority:
Elementary and Secondary Education Act, *No Child Left Behind (Public Law 107-110, Title II, Part D*, **Enhancing Education Through Technology, or the Ed Tech Grant.**

Purpose of NCLB's Ed Tech Program:
- To improve student academic achievement through the use of technology in elementary and secondary schools.
- To assist every student – regardless of race, ethnicity, income, geographical location, or disability – in becoming technologically literate by the end of eighth grade.
- To encourage the effective integration of technology resources and systems with professional development and curriculum development to promote research-based instructional methods that can be widely replicated.

Equitable Participation Provisions:
Since 1965, <u>school districts</u> are required to provide timely and meaningful consultation with private school officials within their boundaries for equitable use of federal funding; this includes Title IID, both formula and discretionary. More information may be found at:
http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oii/nonpublic/index.html.

Accountability
NCLB requires that each State and each LEA develop accountability measures and a process for evaluating the extent to which the activities, carried out with program funds, are effective in supporting the integration of technology into curriculum and instruction, and improving academic achievement. **It also requires that 25 percent of the funds received by the LEA in either formula or competitive award be used for professional development.** In addition:

- All discretionary projects must require 15% of their teachers impacted by the grant to take three sections of ASSET's 360º Technology Assessment: Diagnostic, Knowledge and Environment, at the beginning and at the end of the project to establish data to use for measure of gain. Formula sub-grantees, which receive more than $20,000 in funding, are requested to have 15% of their teachers impacted by the grant to take three sections of ASSET's 360º Technology Assessment: Diagnostic, Knowledge and Environment, at the beginning and at the end of the project to establish data to use for measure of gain.
- All discretionary projects must set aside *2%* of the total budget in order to participate in the statewide student technology assessment, to provide the state and the projects with a consistent and equable measure of gain in student skills and knowledge. Formula sub-grantees, which receive more than $30,000, are requested to set aside 2% of the total budget in order to participate in the statewide

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Additional Accountability Requirements for Discretionary Sub-Grantees Only:
- All projects must send appropriate staff to an Accountability Workshop organized by ADE in August. A line item for travel expenses may need to be included in your budget request.
- On-site visits by ADE's external evaluator will be conducted in the spring
- Self Monitoring Reports will be completed twice a year – Winter and Spring
- End-of-the-Year Evaluation Reports will be completed by all projects.
- Projects are expected to disseminate project results through publication, participation (presenting) at regional or state conferences or other methods that will share the results of funding beyond the local school system.

How Can Ed Tech Funds be Used?
Requirements: All proposals must have the following expenditures as part of their proposal:

1. First and foremost, the Ed Tech program requires that no less than twenty-five percent (25%) of any funds received under Ed Tech are used for on-going high quality professional development.
2. All proposals may allocate 2% of the total funding in order to participate in a statewide student technology assessment.
3. Travel allotment to the ADE Title IID Accountability Workshop to be held at the beginning of the 06-07 school year.

The remainder of the funds may be used for any technology related purchases that will lead towards improved student achievement. Remember that all Ed Tech funds must be used to **supplement** the technology initiatives and goals of the LEA, **not supplant**.

06 – 07 Funds Disbursement and Requirements

Distribution of Ed Tech Funds:
Ed Tech federal funding is approximately $5,288,478 for FY07 and will disbursed as follows:
- **State activities and initiatives (**$264,424) - five percent (5%) for administration
- **Formula Grants (**$2,512,027**)** - 47.5 percent of the remainder will be disbursed using the *Title I formula,* as determined by census data
- **Discretionary grants** ($2,512,027**)** - 47.5 percent of the remainder will be disbursed for discretionary grants

Formula:
- Formula funds under Title II-D will be disbursed using the Title IA formula
- Legislation requires an LEA to have a current, state-approved technology plan that covers the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007.
- The Arizona Department of Education's Educational Technology Unit will send out formal notification letters to all LEAs regarding their Title IID allocations at the beginning of the fiscal year.

Discretionary Grants*:*
Due to reduction of funds in 06 - 07, the 23 projects funded in 05-06, which have complied with the parameters of the original grant and still qualify under the "poverty data" stipulation, will be extended for one additional year. **There will not be an open competition for IID funding in 06-07.**

Rationale for Extending Current Projects:
- The 23 projects have baseline data for student and teacher assessment gathered during 2005-2006 project year

- · Projects will be funded at approximately 50% of current funding amount
- · 2nd year will allow for more thorough implementation and sustainability of first year activities

Estimated Range of Awards:
Awards will be approximately 50% of last year's funding to the 23 projects, but are dependent upon successful progress toward meeting FY06 goals, required monitoring activities and the completion of the extension application package.

Eligibility
The 23 projects must continue to meet the poverty and other criteria listed below:

a. LEAs that have 29% or more of their students in poverty, based on the Title I poverty formula which includes census data OR
b. A single large district whose Title I data indicates that more than 15,000 of their students live in poverty;
AND
c. Serves one or more schools identified for improvement or corrective action;
OR
   d. Has substantial need for assistance in acquiring and using technology.

Partnerships or Consortiums:
(1) Partnerships or consortiums are encouraged by NCLB. Projects must show clear delineation of services and budget to each member of partnership or consortium with evidence of benefit to qualifying LEA.

Project Dates:
Projects will be extended for one year, from July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007.

Application Dates:
The 23 projects must have all required documents submitted to ADE by 5:00 on May 15, 2006.   All extension applications must be **RECEIVED** at the Arizona Department of Education, Educational Technology Unit, 1535 W. Jefferson Street, BIN 10, Phoenix, AZ 85007, or delivered to the 4th Floor, Cubicle 4004, **by 5:00 PM on** the closing day, **Monday, May 15, 2006**.

Extension Application Requirements
(Please read carefully and follow explicitly)

All documents and requests made below must be followed and adhered to in order for the proposal to be considered complete. The 06 – 07 Ed Tech Extension Application documents may be found at http://www.ade.az.gov/technology/tlcdownloads.asp, under EETT Extension Forms.

NOTE: All the required documents listed below must be provided in electronic format, such as CD-ROM, or as a file on a flash drive which can be transferred to a computer.

☐ **Four (4) sets of Ed Tech Extension Application, which includes the Evaluation Matrix for EETT 06-07 Extension Project**. One of the four must be original application signed in blue ink by the authorized agent for the LEA.

☐ **Four (4) copies of EETT 05 – 06 End-of-Year Evaluation,** which consists of the completed *Evaluation Matrix Results for EETT 05- 06 Project* as referenced in Question #1.

☐ **One (1) copy of the updated LEAs Strategic Long-Term Technology Plan, whether on file with ADE or not:**

- The plan must cover a period of **three-years**, including **<u>FY07</u>**, which clearly lists the goals, activities, and expenditures, for which the LEA is applying for in this grant extension.
- If the LEA does not have an approved technology plan for 06-07, Technology Plan template may be downloaded from http://www.ade.az.gov/technology/TechPlanTemplate05.rtf.
- If the project is a consortium or partnership project, each member of the consortia or partnership must have their approved technology plan on file with ADE for the funding year, or submitted before the application deadline.

☐ Update of the online ADE Technology Survey and include one copy of verification that it has been recently updated in the application package

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